

SENATE RESOLUTION 81

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on the occasion of the 109<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Celebration.

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded on January 13, 1913, by twenty-two undergraduate African-American women at Howard University who wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and provide assistance to persons in need; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a private nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support in local communities through established programs; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a sisterhood of predominantly Black college-educated women committed to public service with a focus on the Black community, continues to make significant efforts to confront the challenges of African Americans and, hence, all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has distinguished itself as an international public service organization with a five-point programmatic thrust that addresses economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement/social action; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has been a stalwart of the Memphis community for nearly eighty-five years, engaging in public service through collaboration and partnership with individuals and organizations that align with the chapter's purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will host their Founders Day Celebration on January 22, 2022, in celebration of the sorority's 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary, bringing their sisters and community residents together under the theme "Bring Your Seat To The Table...Tell Your Story!" and featuring the Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, 18<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and 21<sup>st</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta, as keynote speaker; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize the women of the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., on this special occasion and commend them on the significant impact they make in the lives of the citizens in their community and the tireless work they do in the name of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.